Lovely Strange Dark
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"THOUGHT BOY"
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feeling

I WANT TO SEE THE SOUND LIKE YOU DO.
HEY, IT REALLY ONLY DOES SOUND.
the Wizard of Oz
TRY GIVING ME YOUR HAND.
OK?
RIGHT... WHAT SHOULD WE DO...
WELL, I CAN SEE IT, BUT...

DO-
ROTHY!
THE TIN
MAN!
...!?O

YOU'RE NEXT.
we could hold hands like that so easily.

When I was a child,

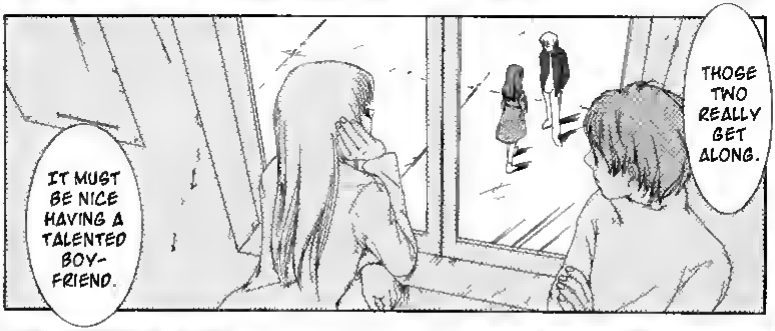
IF YOU WOULD.

AH.
YEAH.
SHE MISSED A NOTE ...
CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE IT IS?
OH...
YOU ALWAYS MISS A NOTE IN THIS PART ...
HM.
SHE WOULDN'T TELL ME, SAYING THAT "IF I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT MYSELF, IT WON'T HELP ME".

STOP THAT
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR THE PLANT?
SHE'S BEING MEAN
IF I KNEW WHERE IT WAS, I WOULDN'T MAKE THE MISTAKE
AH!
SNAP
AND YOUR HAND
HUH
IT'S FINE! I'M NOT A PIANIST LIKE YOU
A SINGER'S HANDS DON'T MATTER
SINGERS ARE THE ONES WHO UTILIZE THEIR WHOLE BODY
I THINK IT'S BETTER IF YOU AREN'T INJURED AT ALL

MM/

TRY SINGING IT


IT MUST BE NICE HAVING A TALENTED BOY-FRIEND.
THOSE TWO REALLY GET ALONG.

STOP.
RIGHT THERE. THAT'S THE BAD ONE.

THAT'S THE ONLY ONE YOU'LL GET IT SOON

W-WHAT WAS IT ?
AN ANGEL CRUM-BLING APART LIKE IT'S DYING

I know that.
But he can see sound.
YEAH!

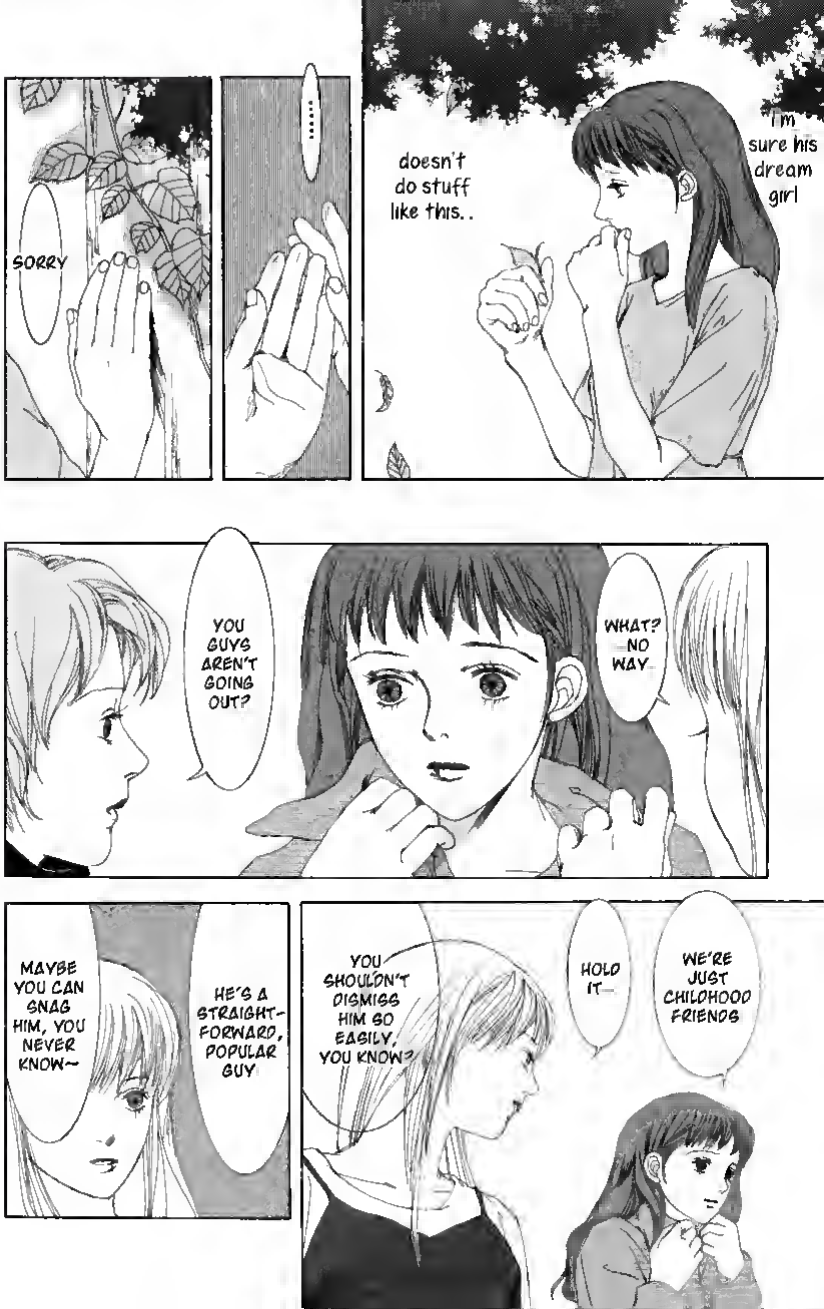
...
To any onlookers, this would seem like him listening and giving advice.

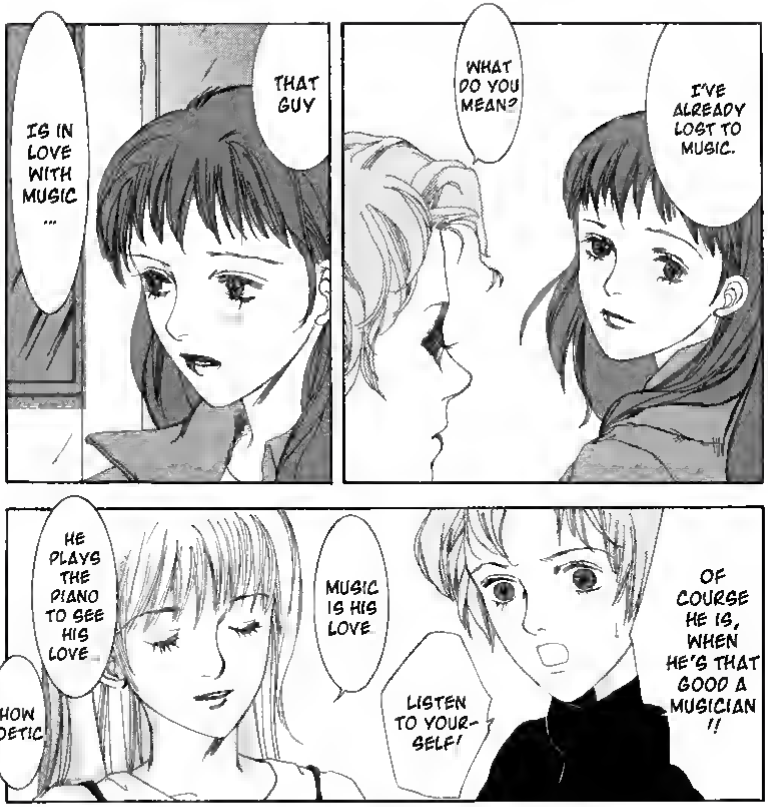
I'm the only one who knows that.
Right now,
I wonder how it is?
— It's kind of nice.
there is.
I wonder what kind of sound

AM I DISTURBING YOU?
AH... SORRY
...
I'M FINE
NOT REALLY..
WHAT SCENE ARE YOU CREATING...?
THIS IS ONE OF YOUR ORIGINALS
I wonder if he'd be fine with anyone
MM...
Fine..

I WOULDN'T CALL IT A SCENE
OH... THEN WHAT?
MY DREAM WOMAN?

GOOD
YOU FIXED IT WELL
SHE GOT IT DOWN, HUH?
NO SOUNDS OF CRUMBLING WINGS
STOP THAT. DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR THE PLANT?
oh-
No matter how hard I sing, it's not cheering me up.
yank


SORRY
.....
doesn't do stuff like this..
I'm sure his dream girl
YOU GUYS AREN'T GOING OUT?
WHAT? NO WAY
MAYBE YOU CAN SNAG HIM, YOU NEVER KNOW~
HE'S A STRAIGHT-FORWARD, POPULAR GUY
YOU SHOULDN'T DISMISS HIM SO EASILY, YOU KNOW?
HOLD IT—
WE'RE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS


IS IN LOVE WITH MUSIC ...
THAT GUY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE ALREADY LOST TO MUSIC.
HOW POETIC.
HE PLAYS THE PIANO TO SEE HIS LOVE
MUSIC IS HIS LOVE
LISTEN TO YOURSELF!
OF COURSE HE IS, WHEN HE'S THAT GOOD A MUSICIAN !!

His dream girl, dream sound...
To see his love, his music—

blink
OH,
DID IT REALLY GET THAT DARK?
shut
OH, THANKS.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT HAS GOTTEN PRETTY COLD.
SHIVER

THANKS
HOW ABOUT A BIT OF A BREAK?
YOU WERE FOCUSED
LONG AGO,
WE'D OFTEN HOLD HANDS
AND WATCH THE MUSIC TOGETHER.
UM,
WELL,
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU DID THAT WITH ANYONE ELSE?
Oh no, what am I saying?
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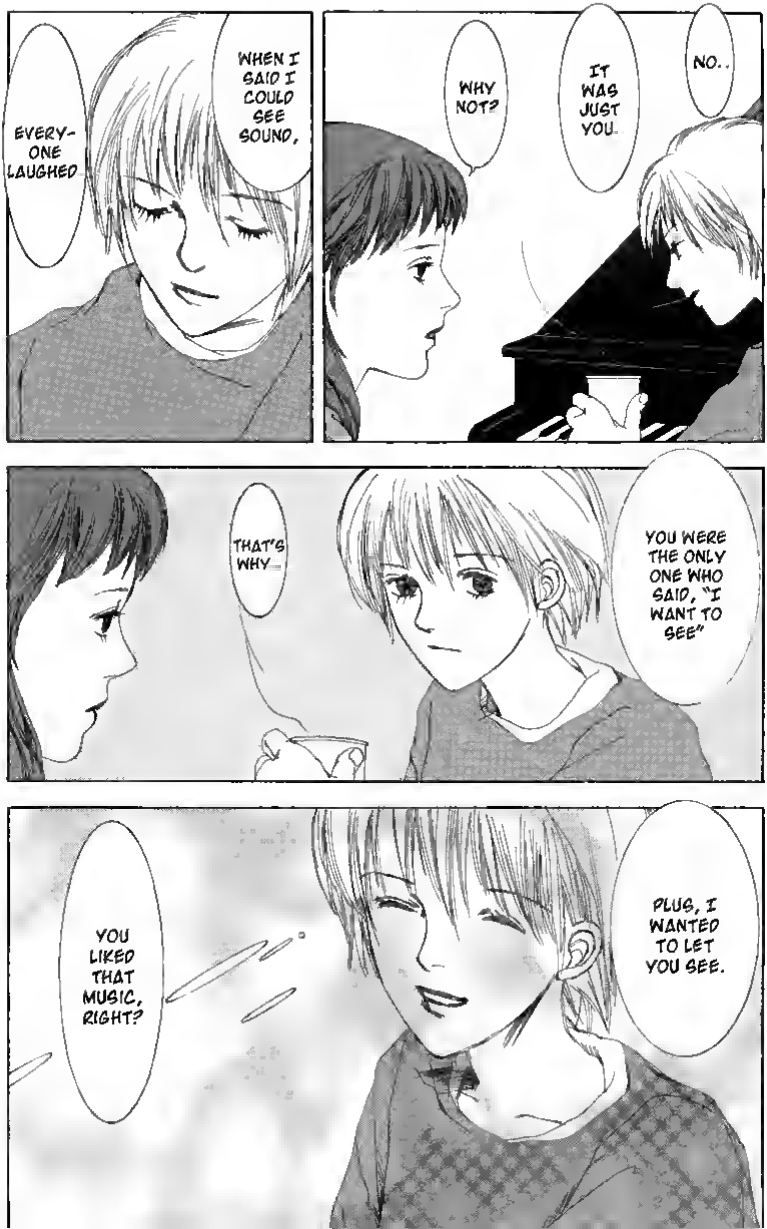
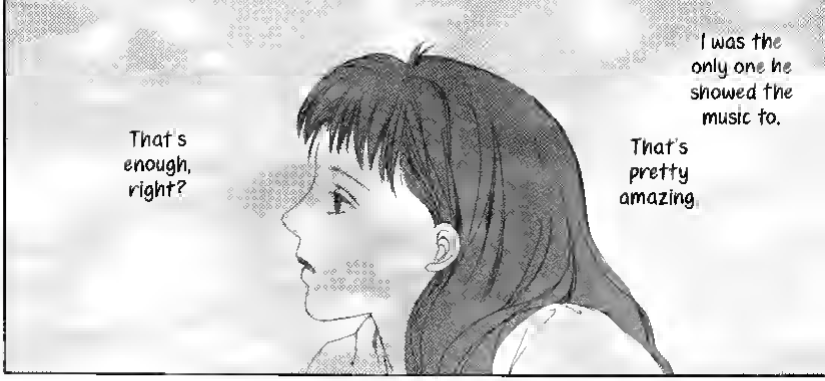

WHEN I SAID I COULD SEE SOUND,
EVERY-ONE LAUGHED
NO..
IT WAS JUST YOU.
WHY NOT?
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAID, "I WANT TO SEE"
THAT'S WHY...
YOU LIKED THAT MUSIC, RIGHT?
PLUS, I WANTED TO LET YOU SEE.

NO, I HAVE TO GET GOING
WANT ME TO REFILL YOUR COFFEE?
LET'S HEAD OUT TOGETHER.
THANKS.
AH.
THAT'S WHY?
I WAS THINKING...
WELL, ANYONE WHO GOT TO SEE THE POWER OF MUSIC THAT DIRECTLY WOULD BE FASCINATED BY IT.
BACK THEN, I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN GOING INTO MUSIC.
ALL THE WAY SINCE GRADE SCHOOL.
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER A REALLY LONG TIME.

I HOPE WE CAN ALWAYS LISTEN TO MUSIC LIKE THIS TOGETHER.
That night I dreamt
of the time he let me see the sound from his first composition.

Yes, I remember it.
That time has passed.
If only we'd stayed like that...
What a thought.
I was the one who became self-conscious first—
I was the one who pulled my hand away.


I was the only one he showed the music to.
That's pretty amazing.
That's enough, right?

I have to think that way...

His dream girl
I hope he finishes it soon

He left the window open again.
I can hear his piano

ARE WE ACTUALLY THINKING OF THE SAME THING?
I HAD THE SAME IDEA!
A SCENE!
IT EVOKES A SCENE
BUT THIS SONG, WELL
BUT YOU KNOW, THAT GUY ALWAYS SOUNDS LIKE A PRO WHEN HE PLAYS THE PIANO
?
JUST PERFECT, HUH
HEY
CLACK

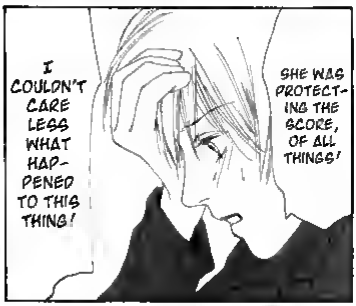
AH, WHAT A CUTE SONG...
Where'd he go?
.....
RUMMAGE

AH?
CLACK
Even without the score, the song is complete.
What am I doing?
He doesn't need this.
It's not the score I want—

What I want
is his hand.
BEEP
SCREECH

I THINK IT WAS A GINGER
A GIRL, RIGHT?
BETTER BE CARE-FUL
THEY SAID IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS A STUDENT HERE
...
WHO WAS IT...?

STUPID


I COULON'T CARE LESS WHAT HAP-PENED TO THIS THING!
SHE WAS PROTECT-ING THE SCORE, OF ALL THINGS!

I...
I PLANNED ON GIVING IT TO SOME-ONE...
WHY ARE YOU THROWING THAT AWAY...?
BUT SHE DOESN'T NEED IT ANY-MORE
It's pitch black.

And just look at me now...
SIT HERE.
NEXT TO ME.
HERE, I'LL GUIDE YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED THAT THING.
The hand I wanted to hold like this...
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING!
EVEN IF WE'RE HOLD-ING HANDS, I CAN'T SEE IT ANYMORE!
WHY!? I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!!
NO...

...
AH
...?

YOU GET IT?